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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Henning VOLLER

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For:

MINIATURIZED MICROTITER

PLATE FOR HIGH

THROUGHPUT SCREENING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification with reference to its numbered lines as follows:

Page 3, line 36, please change "c" to -- (c) --; and

line 37, please change "c1" to -- (c1) ---

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 5-13 as follows:

--5. A miniaturized microtiter plate comprising:

a plastic body;

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